

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Proposed Increases to 2025-26 In-State Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will consider a proposal to increase undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) during the Board's annual meeting on July 1, 2025. Tennessee law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-7-1603) requires boards of public universities to give public notice of proposed increases to tuition and mandatory fees charged to in-state undergraduate students at least fifteen (15) days prior to holding a public meeting to adopt the increases. Individuals are permitted to provide comments during the fifteen-day period at the following website:

<https://tennessee.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed In-State Tuition & Fees	2024-25	2025-26	Change	
Tuition	\$11,560	\$11,560	-	-
Mandatory Fees	\$2,252	\$2,316	\$64	2.8%
Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$13,812	\$13,876	\$64	0.5%

Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases

The proposed change includes increases of \$30 to the In-State Facilities Fee, \$24 to the Transportation Fee, and \$10 to the Library Fee.

Purposes for Which the Revenue Derived from the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases Will be Used

The In-State Facilities, Transportation, and Library fees last increased in FY24, FY25, and FY20, respectively. These increases are needed to provide revenue to support the rapid growth in the undergraduate student population – an increase of 26.0% in the last five years - through the funding of (1) increased deferred maintenance costs for existing campus buildings and support the operating cost of new buildings; (2) the additional cost for routes and buses needed as UTK expands service to support perimeter parking and alternatives to driving on campus and; (3) increased cost for databases, electronic journals and other collection resources utilized by students.

Efforts to Mitigate the Effect of Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases on Students

UTK makes every reasonable effort to mitigate the effect of tuition and fee increases on students, and these increases have been modest in recent years. From FY21 through FY25, the average annual tuition and mandatory fee increases for in-state undergraduate students was 0.8%; well below the limits allowed by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The most recent average annual Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) was 3.4%. Finally, 93% of entering first-year students receive financial aid and scholarships to offset the cost of attendance.